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FROM B/G BEVAN

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B.

1. STILL NO FIRM WORD ON WHEN THE AMBASSADOR IS SUPPOSED TO DO HIS THING. APPARENTLY EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR THE SECY OF STATE TO GIVE HIS FINAL APPROVAL TO THE PACKAGE BUT AS YOU CAN TELL FROM THE PAPERS, HE IS A HARD MAN TO PIN DOWN.

2. I HAVE JUST REVIEWED THE PERSONNEL SITUATION WITH THE STAFF HERE AND SHORTLY YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A CABLE GIVING YOU INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO DEPART DURING JUNE - OR THEREABOUTS. NOT INCLUDED IN THE CABLE IS ANYTHING CON-

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CERNING [REDACTED] I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO APPROACH HIM AND ASK HIM IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND TO 1 AUG.

3. I HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU SHOULD ROTATE THIS SUMMER NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ABOUT A MONTH AGO I HAD A CALL FROM THE COLONELS GROUP SOLICITING MY APPROVAL THAT YOU BE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY SO THAT YOU COULD TAKE A JOB [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I TOLD THEM THAT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT YOU COULD BE RELEASED THAT EARLY. I HAVE AN INFORMAL GUT FEELING THAT THEY MAY BE HOLDING THAT JOB FOR YOU UNTIL WHATEVER TIME YOU ARE RELEASED THIS SUMMER.

4. YOUR CURRENT MONTH FOR TOUR ROTATION IS JULY. IT IS MY INTENTION TO CHANGE IT TO AUGUST. BEAR IN MIND THAT IF ANYTHING DEFINITIVE COMES UP CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF [REDACTED] THAT THIS DATE CAN BE RENEGOTIATED.

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5. I WANT YOU TO ASK [REDACTED] IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND I KNOW THAT HE WANTED TO EXTEND PREVIOUSLY BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM THE MURKY SITUATION WITH WHICH WE ARE CONFRONTED. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR GIVING HIM A COMPLETE BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION. IF HE DOES DESIRE TO EXTEND, IT IS MY INTENTION THAT HE BECOME THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO HIM THAT I DO NOT HONETLY KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE A DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME OR WHETHER HE WOULD BE DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR ONLY A FEW MONTHS DURING THE FINAL PHASES. NONETHELESS, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I AM OFFERING HIM YOUR JOB. IF HE DOES WISH TO EXTEND UNDER THESE INDEFINITE CIRCUMSTANCES, I DO NOT INTEND TO REQUEST PERSONNEL FOR A NEW D/M FOR A FEW MONTHS UNTIL THE SITUATION CLARIFIES ITSELF A BIT MORE.

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OBVIOUSLY IF WE WILL BE PHASING OUT THIS SUMMER, THEN
WILL HAVE TO DO BOTH JOBS; ALTERNATIVELY, IF WE ARE GOING
TO BE IN BUSINESS FOR A WHILE, I WILL SEND SOMEBODY OUT
TO HELP.

END OF MSG

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